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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Brian M. Healy

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-27 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-27 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 13 August 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SF 298)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 20050202
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: ____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

Claims 1-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Nelson et. al., US Patent Application Publication No. US 2005/0111845A1.

Nelson et. al. 845' teaches (Figs.1-7) a method and apparatus for providing a data path through a Small Form Factor Pluggable transceiver comprising : a transceiver module 2000,200 including a plurality of single ended pins (Note that pins for data, clock signals, ect. are not shown in the figures but are considered to be inherent to the transceiver module) wherein a control module 2105 used with

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coded/clocked/data/ (loss of signal)/disable..(ect.) signaling means 2105A, 2105B (can be used in conjunction with a memory ROM means 2106, 2112 for determining as to whether a high or low data rate speed is necessary according to the needs of an external host 2002 (See diagram of Fig. 7) so that external optical fibers 2110A, 2110B can be set to various Gigabit Ethernet speeds (Note that the device and method of Nelson et. al. can either be used with a SERDES or the SERDES can be bypassed or eliminated; See paragraph 37) and the device and method of Nelson can be used with a wide variety of standardized industry standard speeds T1, T3, E1, E3..ect. The method and apparatus of Nelson et. al. 845' clearly, fully meets Applicant's claimed limitations.

A copy of PTO-1449 will be included in this office action.

The following references are also cited by the Examiner as being pertinent prior and/or related art: Hidai et. al., U.S.P. No. 7,107,414 (Figs.1-10), Popovic et. al., U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2005/0196119A1 (Figs.1-4), Aronson, U.S.P. No. 7,204,648 (Figs.1-9), Murr et. al., U.S.P. No. 6,872,094 (Figs.1-10), Gilliland et. al., U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2002/0181895A1 (Figs.1-6) and Sheth et. al., US 2004/0033079A1 (Figs.1-8).

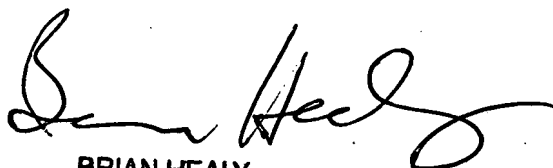
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brian M. Healy whose telephone number is (571)272-2347. The examiner can normally be reached on Compressed schedule Mon-Fri. 6AM-5PM.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Frank Font can be reached on (571)272-2415. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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